

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Council

Meeting Number 127 (12-12)

December 3, 2012

The Joppa/Joppatowne Community meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Meetings are held at the new Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct, 1305 Pulaski Highway, Joppa, MD.

Meeting Number 127 was called to order at 7:04 pm by Vice Chair, Gloria Moon. Special guests present at the meeting were Jared Noe, owner of production company Noe Way Out Studios in Baltimore; Captain Chris Swain, commander of the Southern Precinct; and Larry Ginsberg and Tom Fare, representing the HCEA teachers' union. Local council members present were Gloria Moon, Doris G. Carey, Vince Rabenau, JoAnn Macdonald, Yvonne Baldwin and Ron Sollod. Members absent were Paujla A. Mullis, Betty Byrne, James B. Lyons, III and Bob Frisch. Doris Carey moved and Yvonne Baldwin seconded that minutes of October 1, 2012 be approved. There was not a quorum for the November 5, 2012 meeting, and minutes for November will not be filed.

Sheriff's Office / Community Policing Report

Capt. Christopher Swain, Southern Precinct Commander, demonstrated how to use the internet to find out what crimes have happened in the various areas of our community. The internet address is www.crimereports.com. Capt. Swain reported that there was a reported robbery at the Joppatowne Flea Market as well as a burglary of an empty house. He said the current thorn in the side is shed burglaries. There have been several stolen motorcycles as well as a stolen automobile. He encouraged community members to keep houses, cars and sheds locked. Capt. Swain also said that robberies in Sector 10 are down. However, robberies and thefts tend to go up during the Christmas holidays. He was thanked by Gloria Moon for his presentation.

County Council and Community Update from Councilman Dion Guthrie

Councilman Guthrie shared that Mariner Point Pool is up for sale. County Executive David Craig's bill on the Waste Transfer Station is expected to come before the county council in January 2013. Dion believes that Honeygo Run Landfill in Baltimore County is willing to take all of Harford County's trash. All who are interested in the waste transfer station may want to plan to fill the county council meeting in February. Councilman Guthrie introduced Jared Noe who wants to build an indoor sports arena on the former Plecker property on Rt 7. Mr. Noe, representing Asylum Sports Arena, said that he would like to base the arena in Harford County. The arena would provide a much needed multipurpose sports facility and entertainment venue. Noe's goal is to have multiple activities happening in his complex 365 days a year. Noe's plan is to make this arena an entertainment landmark in Northeast

Maryland. Jared Noe was thanked for his presentation. He plans to return to the local council for further discussions.

Community Council member Ron Sollod, secretary of the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, gave a brief lesson on the use of a defibrillator in treating heart attack victims. He stressed the need to call 911 in such an emergency. The average response time from the station to the emergency is 97 seconds. If enough community members are interested in CPR training, the fire company can provide it. Ron Sollod also discussed safety issues which included keeping chimneys clean, the avoidance of frayed wires to electric lights, and unattended lighted candles. Ron also suggested that everyone should watch out for kids, be careful with fire pits, and operate generators safely. He was thanked for his presentation.

Harford County Education Association members Tom Fare and Larry Gingsburg encouraged community members to email the count council and tell them to fully fund our schools. Harford County has the 6th highest per capita income in Maryland but our schools are ranked 18th out of 24 counties in school funding. They said that Harford County students need our help. Community members were asked to tell the county council to fully fund our schools.

Local council member Doris Carey shared that the ribbon cutting for the new arena at HCC would be held on December 4. The APGFCU Arena with over 2,500 seats is the largest in northeastern Maryland. It is an outstanding venue to be used by all Harford county citizens.

A special thank you was given to JoAnn Macdonald who resigned from the community council for health reasons. She has served outstandingly as a member of the Joppa-Joppatowne Community Council. Best wishes to you JoAnn.

Special prayers are being offered for our chairperson, Paula Mullis. We look forward to her return to the local council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes by Doris Carey